

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Raymond William Naylor
of Henderson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Raymond William Naylor; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Naylor was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 9, 1921, Mr. Naylor was the son of Harmon and Willie
Edna Young Naylor. He attended schools in McNairy County and spent the early days of his life
farming; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army with the 32nd Infantry Division (Red
Arrow Division) for thirty-seven months in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the U.S. Army, Mr. Naylor continued to farm and also worked
at Bemis Mill Company with acumen and alacrity for thirty years until retiring in 1982. Wanting
to do more for his community, he also served on the Chester County School Board for sixteen
years; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Sweetlips Baptist Church,
which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Naylor was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Naylor enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-two
years, Gracie Terry Naylor, and was the proud parent of Nancy Crews and Tommy Naylor; and

WHEREAS, along with his children, Mr. Naylor is survived by his brother, Buford Naylor; grandchildren, Camille Crews O'Donnell, Gai Crews Davis, Jamie Crews, Mica Naylor Freeman, and Jana Naylor Mills; and fifteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Naylor leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Raymond William Naylor, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Naylor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.